

In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) An aqueous boron-free detergent composition comprising amylase or protease containing particles and an encapsulating agent which is soluble in water but insoluble in the aqueous boron-free detergent composition, wherein the composition comprises between 5 to 65 % of water and a non-aqueous component with at least 70% of the non-aqueous component comprising a water-soluble ionic salt, and wherein the amylase or protease containing particles are partially encapsulated within a gel, and the gel comprises a thickening agent comprising polyacrylic acid.
- 2.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the amylase or protease are at least partially encapsulated within particles in a gel, the particles comprising the encapsulating agent, wherein the particles have a migration speed in the gel of less than one centimetre per month.
- 3.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the migration speed of the particles is less than 0.7 cm per month.
- 4.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the migration speed of the particles is less than 0.4 cm per month.
- 5.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition has a viscosity greater than 4,000 mPas.
- 6.(cancelled)
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- 8.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition has a density of greater than 1.1 g/cm³.

9.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the non-aqueous component of the composition has a salt content of at least 80%.

10.(original) A composition according to claim 9, wherein the salt is a phosphate, sulphate, carboxylate or hydroxycarboxylate.

11.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 10, wherein the hydroxycarboxylate is a citrate.

12.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, comprising from 0.05 to 5% enzyme.

13.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises both amylase and protease.

14.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the amylase or protease is present in the gel and the amylase or protease is present in the particles and the ratio of amylase or protease present in the gel to amylase or protease present in the particles is between 5:1 and 20:1.

15.(cancelled)

16.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the stabilising aid is present in the gel in an amount of from 0.05 to 20% (expressed as a percentage based upon the whole composition).

17.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 16, wherein the stabilising aid is a water-miscible organic solvent.

18.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 17, wherein the water-miscible organic solvent is propylene glycol.

19.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 16, wherein the stabilising aid is a soluble calcium salt.

20.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the particles comprise a 40 to 70% stabilising aid based on the weight of the particles.

21.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 20, wherein the stabilising aid is a sugar or a starch.

22.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the gel and the particles have a difference in density of no greater than 0.9 g / cm³.

23.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 22, wherein the particles contain a density aid.

24.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the particles contain a dye or a pigment.

25.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein more than 80% of the particles have a particle size from 50 to 1,000 micrometres.

26.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 for use in dishwashing or laundry applications.

27.(previously presented) A method of dishwashing or laundry comprising the use of a detergent composition in accordance with claim 1.

28. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition comprised between 35-65% water.